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	Filed: May 29, 2001	)		
	For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PLANT AND METHOD OF MAINTAINING EXPOSURE APPARATUS THE METHOD	; ; ) ;	August 22, 2003	TO COUNTRICATION
	Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450			

## LETTER REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS TIMELY FILED

Sir:

Applicant has received an Office Action dated May 22, 2003, in the above-identified application. However, in reviewing the Office Action, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged receipt of the Claim To Priority and the certified copy of the priority document that were filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 27, 2001, submitting the certified copy of Japanese patent document number 2000-163845, filed May 31, 2000. For the Examiner's convenience, attached are copies of the Claim To Priority and the date stamped post

card receipt indicating that these papers were received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on that date.

Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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